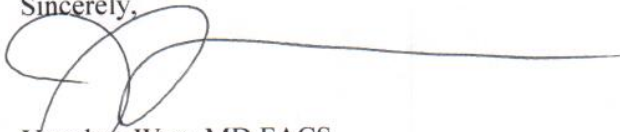


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Dear Editors,

I have carefully rereviewed and edited this manuscript for its content and English as one of the co-authors. My primary language is English. I am a surgeon scientist specially trained and internationally recognized in gastric cancer and robotic surgery. In addition to my clinical practice, I also actively conduct research to find better ways to detect, treat and prevent gastric cancer. I have published over 40 scientific peer-reviewed papers in index journals including Annuals of Surgical Oncology and JAMA surgery. Since 2015 I have been an Associate Clinical Professor in the Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery at City of Hope (Duarte, California, USA).

Sincerely,

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